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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE PREZ

In last month's column, I expressed my sincere thanks to the 2007 Board members for their support and great efforts on behalf of the Club last year. Now, in my final column as your President, I want once more to thank all of them for their hard work, support, and friendship. Without their efforts, my year as President simply would not have been nearly the pleasure it was, and no one knows better than I how much these dedicated folks contributed to the Club's success in 2007!



Our holiday party was, yet again, a tremendous hit with all who attended. With 91 attendees, we definitely filled the room at the Orange Hill restaurant and ate our share of their sumptuous offerings. Congratulations go to Jay, K6RIY, the winner of the K3/10. We sold about 1300 opportunity tickets, a testimony to the desire of the membership to have a crack at winning this fabulous prize. Jay is now the envy of just about everyone in the Club!

Congratulations also go to Pete, W6PBF, whose beautiful design for the 2008 IDXC logo was the clear favorite and winner over several other truly worthy submissions from N6IC, NK6A, K6SY, and W6NRQ. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated but, unfortunately, there can only be one winner, and this year's undisputed winner was Pete's clean and bold design. We'll all be proud to see it on the program, pin and patch!

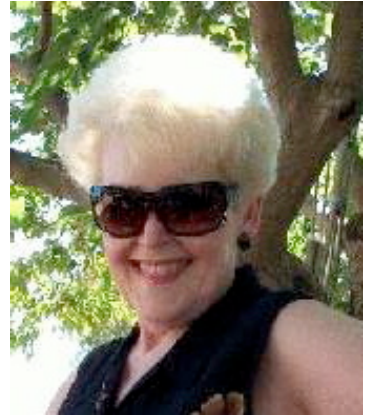
The Board's proposed slate of officers for 2008 will be voted on this month, although nominations will, as always, be taken from the floor. The slate is as follows:

President: Sharon, K6IRD	Vice President: Tom, N6OT
Secretary: Steve, W6NRQ	Treasurer: Doc, K6OGO
Membership: Mel, K6SY	At-Large: Dave, W6AQ
At-Large: Don, NK6A	

In addition, I will remain on the Board as Past President. More importantly, W6NRQ has agreed to continue as Newsletter editor, which is greatly appreciated by all.

In closing, I would like to say that it has been a great privilege to serve as your 2007 President. One of the greatest strengths of this organization is the simple fact that we rotate our leadership annually, giving nearly all who express an interest the opportunity to serve. I believe this is integral to the welcoming, supportive environment of our Club, and so it is with happiness and enthusiasm that I now pass the Presidency to my successor. I have no doubt that the Club will be in the best of hands as we go forward into 2008. 73 es gud luck in the pileups to you all, JW, K6JW

FROM THE VEEP:



The SCDXC year-end party held at the Orange Hill Restaurant on Dec. 2nd was the start of my holiday eating frenzy. Everywhere I went for the whole month, there was food. For those of you who were able to attend on the 2nd, you know what I mean. I'm sure your restraining power was no better than mine. I hope you all enjoyed the day, even if you didn't win the Elecraft K3. That is except for Jay Simmons, K6RIY, who did win the grand prize. His first comment after he got over the shock was to say that he was glad that Dan, W7RF, was unable to be there. Dan has the never-ending luck of being a winner. He has won the grand prize in many raffles. His absence gave everyone a much better chance of winning. Dan, we missed you. But it did give us all better odds – HI! All the ladies who attended got a prize. The club does this to thank them for their support in the crazy (and expensive) world of ham radio. Also, their beauty is a nice change in any gathering of hams.

Our January meeting is all ready to start the new year. First, we have the formal election of officers to take our club through another year. We have a slate of officers to vote in, but nominations from the floor are accepted. Your vote is important, so be sure to be there on the 10th.

Second, is our program for the month. The program speaker is Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF. She has been an active licensed Amateur Radio operator for over 30 years. She has participated in eight operating events, i.e. Iceland, China, Republic of Palau, Micronesia, Japan, Italy, and most recent are the VU4AN Dxpediton in 2006, and VU7RG in 2007. Jeanie has been a speaker at many DX clubs relating her adventures. She is a friend of Bharathi, VU2RBI, who has elevated Amateur Radio worldwide for emergency communications following her operating skills during the Tsunami tragedy on Andaman Island in 2004. Jeannie will speak to us on the VU7RG Dxpediton operating from four different islands. She was a member on the JA team on Bangaram Island. As always, there will be a Q&A following her presentation. I'm sure she can answer all your questions.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE JANUARY MEETING!

Till then, stay well and good DX. Sharon Spring - K6IRD

FROM CQ MAGAZINE

This table lists all CQ-sponsored on-air competitions, including contest name, month in which it is held, weekend within that month, issue in which rules appear and issue in which results appear. In addition, all rules are posted on the CQ website <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>, as are expanded results for the CQWW and CQ WPX contests and some previously published complete results. Some contest directors have their own web pages with additional information.

Contest	Month	Weekend	More info
CQ DX Marathon	Jan - Dec	Full Year	www.cq-amateur-radio.com
CQWW 160 Meter / CW	Jan	Last full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com
CQWW RTTY WPX	Feb	2nd full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
QWW 160 Meter / SSB	Feb	Last full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW WPX / SSB	Mar	Last full wknd	www.cqwp.com >
CQ National Foxhunting	May	2nd or 3rd full wknd	www.homingin.com >
CQWW WPX / CW	May	Last full wknd	www.cqwp.com >
CQWW VHF	July	3rd full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW RTTY DX	Sept	4th full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW DX / SSB	Oct	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com >
CQWW DX / CW	Nov	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com >

January 1 Straight Key Night.....no cheating.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR AS A MEMBER OF SCDXC, YOU CAN APPLY FOR THE CLIPPERTON AWARD. See the web site for instructions.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Am I allowed to say that?

A new year is upon us and everyone's hopes are high and hopeful that the Mother of Sun Spots and the Father of DX will be kind to us all. All the articles I have seen say SOOON.



So January is here and all the old club officers are to be tossed and a new bunch elected to guide us into 2008. You have to show up to vote so be there. Sharon has promised to have a great program, don't miss it.

I will not be at the meeting but I am on the ballot, so vote for me if you have a mind to. My XYL Eyvoughn, is having Knee replacement for a replacement that slipped after a fall. That ought to keep me busy for a while.

Seems to me that since this is the start of a new year, maybe this would be a good time to send along your comments and what you would like to see accomplished for 2008 to the New Board for consideration. Send your likes and dislikes to the board via the secretary@scdxc.org

At the same time I would like to have a volunteer to take over the newsletter. I will stay for a while and be willing to offer some help to the new Editor. (PC or Mac). I have been the Editor since Harvey stepped down some 2 years ago and have enjoyed the work and all the nice comments, but health is a problem too. So for all the nice things you have said, I thank you, but I must truly step down. I will continue for time being in hope we find a replacement. Sorry Jeff, I know I promised to stay on but things change.

I missed the party in Dec and I hear that all had a great time. Especially Jay Simmons, K6RIY in winning the K3/10. Maybe he will send in a report about everything from assembly to operation. I know that everyone is anxious to know.

That about wraps it up for January, so till next time,

73, Steve, W6NRQ

A LITTLE IOTA NEWS.

The IOTA net meets on 14260 kHz at 1300 UTC on Saturdays and on 21260 at 1300 UTC on Sundays. The following frequencies are considered as the meeting place for Island chasers: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114, 7030 and 3530 kHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3765 kHz.



19 December 2007

On the 19 December 2007 Petrus ZS6GCM was granted temporary permission to operate an Amateur Radio Station for the duration of the 2007/2008 scientific expedition from Bouvet Island. The call sign will be 3Y0E. We would like to use this opportunity to thank Tom V. Segalstad LA4LN and Trond Olsen LA8XM, for the wonderful help and time they dedicated in obtaining permission to operate from Bouvet Island.

Secondly we would like to welcome Colin McGowan MM0NDX to the team. Colin has donated a dedicated website for the expedition and will act as the webmaster. We are hoping to receive regular logbook updates from Petrus via satellite phone and will have a logbook search page where you can look if you are in the log. The official 3Y0E operation webpage address is www.3y0e.wordpress.com

The site is under construction and we plan to have it fully operational in a couple of days. Feel free to visit the site on a regular basis for the latest news from Petrus.

Emil Stoikov, LZ3HI has began design on the 3Y0E qsl card. Emil has donated the QSL card design and printing free of charge. He will also act as the official QSL manager for 3Y0E. Previews of cards that was designed and printed by Emil can be found on his

webpage www.lz3hi.com. We look forward to present you all with the official QSL card when it is done.

3Y0E QSL information:

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BULGARIA

Petrus will be notified via Satellite phone off his new call sign and permission to start operating. We certainly look forward to bring you more exiting news in the near distant future.

73 to all and good luck

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3Y0E Pilot Station and Media Officer

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NEW DXCC ENTITY. The ARRL DXCC Desk is pleased to announce the addition of St Barthelemy (FJ) to the DXCC List, making the island

entity number 338 with an effective date of 14 December, 2007.

Cards

with contacts dated December 14, 2007 or after will be accepted for

DXCC credit. New card submissions for St Barthelemy will not be accepted until January 1, 2008 in order to allow time for administrative adjustments. French St Martin (FS), while also added

to the List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty, will

remain on the DXCC List, but it is now considered a Point 1 Political Entity under the same classification as that of St Barthelemy. If St. Martin has already been worked, confirmed and

credited to a DXCC award, it is unnecessary to rework it for DXCC credit.



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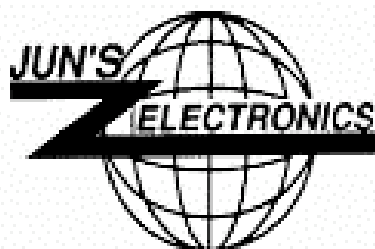
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<http://www.csun.edu/~skatz/wa6bob.html>



ONE OF OUR GUYS
ARRL 10-Meter Contest

Call: N6HC	Class: SO Mixed HP
Operator(s): N6HC	QTH: ORG
Station: N6HC	Operating Time (hrs): 7

Summary:

Band	QSOs	Mults

CW:	90	16
SSB:	77	11

Total: 167 27 Total Score = 13,878

Club: Southern California Contest Club

Comments:

Conditions were very marginal in spite of "good" propagation numbers. So much for the prognosticators. Almost every contact was below 35 degrees latitude and east of my location. Lots of single hop into Texas, short skip into Santa Barbara or San Diego, and ground wave. I met a lot of my neighbors on the air!

Thanks for all the Qs.
Best regards,
Arnie N6HC

Posted using 3830 Score Submittal Forms at:
<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Happenings in January

January 2008

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| 1 New Year's Day | 12 North American QSO Party--CW |
| 1 ARRL Straight Key Night | 13 North American QSO Party--CW |
| 5 Quadrantids Meteor Shower | 19 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes |
| 5 ARRL RTTY Roundup | 19 North American QSO Party--Phone |
| 6 ARRL RTTY Roundup | 20 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes |
| 6 Kid's Day | 20 North American QSO Party—Phone |
| 7 Orthodox Christmas | 21 Martin Luther King, Jr Day |
| 10 Muharramn/Islamic New Year | 26 CQ WW 160-Meter Contest |
| | 27 CQ WW 160-Meter Contest |

vote vote vote

time to set the new year
Right. Vote for your favorite or
nominate yourself.

DXer OF THE YEAR

Get your nominations in early.
See the web site for instructions